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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT ODUBER SUGGESTS MEETING WITH
LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN PRESIDENTS FOLLOWING
CANAL TREATY SIGNING

1. A DINNER WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG AUGUST 8 (OTHER SUBJECTS REPORTED SEPTTEL), PRESIDENT ODUBER EMPHASIZED THAT PROGRESS ON THE CANAL TREATY PROVIDED AN OPENING FOR MUCH WIDER INITIATIVES BETWEEN THE US AND LATIN AMERICA. HE DESCRIBED THE NEGOTIATIONS AS AN IMPORTANT EXAMPLE OF A BIG POWER MEETING AT THE SAME LEVEL WITH A SMALL CARIBBEAN NATION AND SOLVING AN IMPORTANT PROBLEM DESPITE THE FACT THAT DOING SO ENTAILED COSTS FOASTHE LARGER NATION. COMPARING THIS WITH SOVIET ACTIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE, ODUBER ARUGED THAT THE CANAL TREATY WAS EXAMPLE NOT JUST FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN BUT FOR THE ENTIRE THIRD WORLD.

2. ODUBER SUGGESTED THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD CONSIDER

NOT ONLY GOING TO PANAMA FOR THE TREATY SIGNING, BUT TAKE THE OCCASION TO CONSULT PERSONALLY WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN HEADS OF STATE. ODUBER EMPHASIZED
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THE EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT THAT THIS WOULD HAVE ON THE WORLD PRESS MEDIA AND IMPLIED THAT IT COULD ASSIST US RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY. FACIO SUGGESTED A PRESIDENTIAL MEETING WITH THE BOGOTA FIVE BUT ODUBER SAID QUOTE INVITE EVERYONE UNQUOTE. ODUBER SAID WHAT HE AND OTHERS OF THE BOGOTA FIVE COULD DO WOULD BE TO VISIT THE US TO

ARGUE IN FAVOR OF THE TREATY IF NECESSARY.
ODUBER REPEATED THAT HE WAS QUOTE GRATIFIED AND MOVED
UNQUOTE BY THE PROGRESS ON THE PANAMA ISSUE, WHICH
HE RECOGNIZED WAS DUE TO PREISDENT CARTER'S PERSONAL
INTERVENTION.

3. RECOMMENDATION: WE BELIEVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION

SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ODUBER'S SUGGESTION THAT THE
PRESIDENT MEET WITH LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
HEADS OF STATE IF THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS ARE
SUCCESSFUL. IN ADDITION TO THE POSSIBLE POSITIVE
IMPACT ON THE RATIFICATION PROCESS AND ON LATIN
AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN HEADS OF STATES, OUR
CONSIDERATION OF SUCH A MEETING SHOULD TAKE PARTICULAR
NOTE OF ODUBER'S SUGGESTION THAT IT WOULD ENABLE
PRESIDENT CARTER TO CAPITALIZE ON THE NEW TREATY IN
WAYS THAT WOULD HIGHLIGHT OUR NEW WORLD POSTURE.
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